



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Region Four Headquarters
4600 Giant Springs Road
Great Falls, MT 59405
October 23, 2006

Decision Notice For Proposed Camp Baker Housing and Office Project

Description of Proposed Action:

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks proposes to purchase and install prefabricated office and residence buildings with associated utilities at Camp Baker as outlined in Alternative B of the Environmental Assessment. These new facilities would improve the public's safety at the camping area and the customer service facilities for floaters of the Smith River. Additionally, the living and working conditions for the FWP River Rangers stationed there would be greatly enhanced.

Development proposed at the site includes the following items:

- Installation of prefabricated staff office (12' x 36'), prefabricated 3-bedroom residence (27' x 40'), and their required foundations for support.
- Connections between existing utilities already on-site (i.e. water, on-site waste water treatment, power, and phone) and the new buildings.
- Installation of propane heating system for the new residence.
- Removal of two existing storage buildings.
- Renovation of the existing log cabin to accommodate storage for on-site equipment and new roof would be added to the building.
- Improvements to the existing well water filtration system.

Decision:

Based on the analysis in the EA, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has decided to proceed with this proposal.

I have reviewed the EA and applicable laws, regulations, and policies and have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

Since no public comments were received, this action is not subject to appeal.

Public Comments:

No letters or emails of public comment concerning the Draft Environmental Assessment (also termed the "EA" or the "Environmental Assessment") were received during the comment period of September 14 through October 13, 2006.

The Final Environmental Assessment may be viewed, or obtained from the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Region Four, Great Falls, MT. If you have questions regarding this decision notice, or the final EA, please direct requests and questions to: Mr. Gary Bertellotti, Region Four Supervisor, 4600 Giant Springs Road, Great Falls, MT 59405, (406) 454-5840.

/s/

Gary Bertellotti
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